

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Duxbury fire station reconstruction under way

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DUXBURY — Reconstruction of the Ashdod Fire Station is under way and is expected to be completed by next year.

The old station, which closed 10 years ago, was torn down and the steel frame of the new station was erected last week.

Fire Chief William Harriman said he hopes the building will be finished by January.

MHD General Contractors of Yarmouth was awarded a \$570,687 contract for the job in April.

The total cost of the project is \$668,487, including work not covered in the contract, such as furnishings, a diesel exhaust system and parts for a septic system. The additional expenses will be covered by money left over

from an earlier appropriation for design plans, and some services will be donated.

Harriman said he will begin interviewing candidates for three firefighter positions next week. He said he will hire three of four new employees because there are only three openings in the next fire academy class, which begins in September.

During construction, Jordan Hospital paramedics that worked from the Ashdod station will be housed in a 12-by-60-foot trailer at the back of the Tremont Street station.

Harriman said town officials are negotiating a new contract with the hospital to keep the paramedics in Duxbury. The last contract expired in April.

The Ashdod station was closed in 1989 for financial reasons and will be reopened to cut response times to West Duxbury. The new station will have an additional apparatus bay, with an office and living quarters above.